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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

At a time when one feels that all that is good in this world is slowly disappearing, the approaching festive season symbolises for each and everyone the feeling of love and goodwill for his fellow man. And in this respect there is no difference between the various religions and peoples of this planet - we all want to feel for a few days a lightness of heart and freedom from the depressive yoke which so easily envelopes one these days.

In a world that has learnt to submit to terror, to blackmail, to the killing of innocent people from whatever nationality, we have not succeeded in rising above these evils and bringing that light and freedom in our lives which we need so much.

It is no wonder, therefore, that with the approach of Chanukah - a Festival which for us as Jews is reminiscent of brave and glorious deeds in the war of few against many, in which the highest value is placed on freedom - we feel the need to see in the lighting of the Chanukah candles in our windows the symbol of light over darkness, the uniting of brothers all over the world. At this time of the Chanukah Festival, in every Jewish home where candles are lit, these candles should serve to lighten the way in our striving for victory over slavery and the coming of our redemption, and above all to continue the upbuilding of our homeland - Israel -- that renewal which was begun by our forefathers who fought for our freedom - the Maccabees.

To you and yours we send our thanks for the warmth and friendship which you have brought to our institution for the continued advancement of our medical school, so that it may serve as a source of light and pride not only to the Jews but to all the nations of the world.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

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